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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA GREAT FALLS DIVISION

WESTERN ORGANIZATION OF RESOURCE COUNCILS, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

V.

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT,

Defendant.

Case No. 4:20-cv-76-BMM-JTJ

INTERVENOR-DEFENDANT
STATE OF WYOMING'S
JOINDER IN FEDERAL
DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO
DISMISS FOR IMPROPER VENUE
OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE TO
SEVER AND TRANSFER

Defendant-Intervenor, State of Wyoming, through undersigned counsel, hereby joins, Federal Defendant's Motion to Partially Dismiss for Improper Venue or, Alternatively, to Sever Claims and Transfer Venue. (ECF No. 18).

Pursuant to L.R. 7.1(d) and to avoid repetition, Wyoming joins, incorporates, and adopts the well-founded arguments presented in the Federal Defendant's Memorandum in Support of its Motion to Partially Dismiss for Improper Venue or, Alternatively, to Sever Claims and Transfer Venue. (ECF No. 19).

Because the 2019 Miles City, Montana Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA) was set aside, the District of Montana has no further interest in adjudicating the claims relating to the Buffalo, Wyoming RMPA.

WHEREFORE, the State of Wyoming joins in requesting that this Court grant Federal Defendant's Motion to Partially Dismiss for Improper Venue or, Alternatively, to Sever Claims and Transfer Venue.

DATED this 24rd day of November, 2020.

FOR DEFENDANT-INTERVENOR STATE OF WYOMING

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 24th day of November, 2020, a true copy of the foregoing was served on all counsel via the Court's CM/ECF system.

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